

Elim Lutheran Church
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Seventh Sunday After Easter



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Welcome to Elim Lutheran Church

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- 2) Elim belongs to the Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). To learn more, visit <https://www.spselca.net/>

We welcome and thank Mr. Brian Brozovic, a Seminarian at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkely, CA since 2020 and is a Candidate for Ordained Ministry Word and Sacrament with the Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Mr. Brozovic will be officiating our service today.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

OPENING HYMN: HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Verse 1

**Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You**

Chorus

**So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

Verse 2

**King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor**

Chorus

**So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

Bridge

**You taught us how to love as one
Father, Holy Spirit, Son
You taught us how to love as one
Father, Holy Spirit, Son**

Chorus

**So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

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GREETING

Seminarian: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Reader: O God,

**All: form the minds of your faithful people into your one will.
Make us love what you command and desire what you promise,
that, amid all the changes of this world,
our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: ACTS 16:16-34

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that

the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97 *(Please read responsively)*

Reader: ¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**All: ²Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

Reader: ³Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on every side.

**All: ⁴Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

Reader: ⁵The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.

**All: ⁶The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

Reader: ⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false
gods!

Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

**All: ⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

Reader: ⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

All: ¹⁰You who love the LORD, hate evil!

**God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of
the wicked.**

Reader: ¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

**All: ¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

SECOND READING: REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Reader: A reading from the book of Revelations

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

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VERSE

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Music
"Lasst Uns Erfreuen"
Arranged by
David Crowder and Brent Milligan



Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is



li - ving!" Sing, choirs of ang - els, loud and clear!



Re - peat their song of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is



liv - ing!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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GOSPEL: JOHN 17:20-26

Seminarian: The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Seminarian: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mr. Brian Brozovic

SERMON: Mr. Brian Brozovic

HYMN OF THE DAY: COME TO THE WATER

Verse 1

**Oh come come to the water
All who are thirsty
Come and be filled
Oh come come to the river
Brothers and sisters
Come and be healed
Come and be healed**

Chorus

**We believe in the Kingdom come
We believe in the risen Son
You bring our hearts to life
Lord we come with our hands up high
We believe You will satisfy
You bring our hearts to life
You bring our hearts to life
We are alive
We are alive**

Verse 2

**Oh see the people returning
The love of the Father
Drawing us in
Oh see salvation coming Jesus our Savior
Light of the world
Light of the world**

Chorus

**We believe in the Kingdom come
We believe in the risen Son
You bring our hearts to life
Lord we come with our hands up high
We believe You will satisfy
You bring our hearts to life
You bring our hearts to life
We are alive
We are alive**

Bridge

**Let revival come
Let the people sing
The glory of Your name**

Repeat Bridge 4 times

The glory of Your name (oh)

Repeat Chorus

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Please stand as you are able

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Seminarian: Please stand as we affirm our faith

**All: We believe in a God who can astound us—
a God who created the mountains of California,
the stars on a summer night,
and the green of Ireland.**

**We believe in Jesus,
whose example changes us—
an example of love for those on the fringes,
healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.
We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends,
wounded, mocked, and killed by the state.
And in a garden, three days later,
we believe that life began again—
the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.**

**Ever since that day,
we believe the Spirit has been inviting us into an expansive life—
a life not measured by wealth or accolades,
but a life full to the brim with joy,
overflowing with laughter,
saturated in hope,
and decorated with good news.**

**Death has lost its sting.
We believe, and are set free.
Thanks be to God,
Amen.**

- by Sarah Speed, Sanctified Art

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Reader: Holy One, we pray for your blessings to shine upon Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley. Guide the seminarians, strengthen the faculty and staff and give wisdom to Ray, their Rector. Embolden them all for the preaching of your holy Gospel in the world. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Reader: Bless our Synod Assembly later on this week in Sparks, Nevada. Bless our Bishop Megan, and Assistant Pastor Manda. Be with Sue and Ben as our voting members and Pastor Kathryn, and all who will attend. Give us wisdom, give us courage for these challenging times in your church. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Reader: O God, in the light of such senseless crime and trauma, we often come to the table with many questions. Hold the community of Uvalde, Texas in the comfort of your loving presence. Gather into your arms those that have passed and be with those that have survived this week's senseless school shooting at Robb Elementary School. Be with families, friends, and first responders in their pain, as they begin to process the events and embark on a journey of healing. In your mercy and grace, stir in our hearts and transform our search for answers into action for change. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Reader: Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians especially the Ukraine-Russia war. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Reader: Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry especially Don, Renate, Christina, Robin, Ray, Dave, Nancy, Gene, Bob, Karl, Tom, Jim, Amy, Corrine, Irene, Diane, Richard, those battling Covid and those we name silently and aloud (brief silence). Strengthen and encourage the people of Ukraine during this time of war and fear . Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit’s gift of faith. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Reader: Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymnwriters whom we commemorate today. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Reader: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance, God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”* by Lauren and Paul Haile
Performed by Kevin Hart and Nathan Widger

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OFFERING PRAYER

Seminarian: Holy Creator,

All: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand as you are able

PEACE

Seminarian: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(You can hold up the peace sign and look into one another's eyes!)

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Seminarian: Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

All: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

Seminarian: The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make his face shine on us
and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor
and give us peace

All: Amen

SENDING SONG: WE LABOR UNTO GLORY (PORTER'S GATE)

Verse 1

**My God my God where e'er I go glory
Where I reap and where I sow glory
When my hands they grip the thorn glory
In the still and in the storm glory
Glory**

Chorus

**Oh we labor unto glory
Till heaven and earth are one
Oh we labor unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes**

Verse 2

**The sun it shines and then goes down glory
Rain it pours and beats the ground glory
Dust it blows and ends my days glory
Hearts they burn beneath Your gaze glory
Glory**

Chorus

**Oh we labor unto glory
Till heaven and earth are one
Oh we labor unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes**

Verse 3

**My heart my hands they're kingdom bound glory
Where thorns no longer curse the ground glory
Trim the wick ignite the flame glory
My work it will not be in vain glory
Glory**

Chorus

**Oh we labor unto glory
Till heaven and earth are one
Oh we labor unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes**

Chorus

**Oh we labor unto glory
Till heaven and earth are one
Oh we labor unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes**

Chorus

**Oh we labor unto glory
Till heaven and earth are one
Oh we labor unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes**

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SENDING

Seminarian: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Seminarian: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

All: Thanks be to God.

Next Week:

June 5, 2022 Day of Pentecost

Theme: On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

Read Ahead: Acts 2:1-21/ Psalm 104:24-34, 35b / Romans 8:14-17 / John 14:8-17 [25-27]

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